Grant-in-aid to Danapur cantonment area

3136. SHRI RAM AWADESH SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have granted special grant-in-aid to the Danapur Cantonment Board from January, 1983 to 20th August, 1986 for development of the Cantonment area; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI ARUN SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

The Special grant-in-aid have been sanctioned to the Danapur Cantonment Board from January 1983 to 20th August, 1986 for the following development works:—

	Rs.
(i) Construction of Latrines/Urinals	85,100/—
(ii) Purchase of conservancy vehicles	2,62,305/—
(iii) Sinking of tube wells etc.	2,74,000/—
(iv) Construction of road from Danapur bus stand to Saurashta Ashram	2,86,387/—
(v) Repair of road from Anand Bazar to Cementry road	2,66,606/—
(vi) Library road	76,686/—
(vii) Hospital Road	43,629/—
(viii) Drains	42,000/—
(ix) Sinking of tube-wells at Ward No. II and III	3,62,000/—

Reported corruption in army recruitment

3137. SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to an article which appeared in the Telegraph of 16th November, 1986 under the caption "corruption in Army recruitment";

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action has been taken to streamline recruitments in the army particularly in the Calcutta office?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI ARUN SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The article highlights the following aspects:—

(i) production of fake and forged certificates by candidates at the time of screening for recruitment;

(ii) operation of bogus recruitment parties; and

(iii) the activities of agents and touts outside the orbit of recruiting organisation.

The article also points out the difficulties faced by the local civil police in dealing with these cases effectively and expeditiously.

(c) Effective steps have been taken to check the identity of the individuals and to inspect the documents at the Branch Recruitment Offices during initial screening. The second and more thorough check is again done when the recruits arrive at the training centres. The methodology for these have been laid down in great detail, to be followed by each recruitment office and training centre. Certificates produced by candidates, if detected to be fake, are confiscated and the candidates are handed over to the police authorities. Information about touts and bogus recruitment teams are given to the civil police for investigation and follow-up action. Wide publicity is given through the media to educate candidates that recruitment is open to everybody and is a free service and that they should not fall prey to unscrupulous elements.